

SMRAS Board Meeting  
November 7, 1985

The meeting was called to order by Hoch Reid at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Betty Wiltse. The following Directors were present: Midge Arnold, Alice Avouris, Peter Burckmyer, ~~Harold~~ Lee Boyd, Roger Garrison, Frank Gillette, Sophie Keyes, Drew Panko, Hoch Reid, Pam Rubin, Barbara Spengler, Stan Wecker, and Betty Wiltse. Kaye Anderson, Harold Bischoff, Thelma Smith and Ken Smith were also present.

The President introduced the two members of the Nominating Committee who were present, Thelma Smith and Ken Smith.

The minutes of the October Board Meeting were read and accepted as corrected. The paragraph on the report of the committee on pension should be corrected to read, "We might pay about \$350 a month, which added to the amount of S.S. she would receive at age 65 would be half-salary. The last sentence of that paragraph should be deleted.

The next paragraph should read, "Pam Rubin said SMRAS should be free to choose a naturalist to carry on Kaye's work after she retires."

The Treasurer's report was read by Hoch Reid. Excess of Expense over Revenue April 1, 1985 - October 31, 1985 - \$260.32. The Balance - \$19,639.57. The Endowment Fund - \$64,707.99, Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$10,919.00. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund \$6,612.00. Naturalist Medical Benefits Fund - \$768.35.

Hoch Reid reported that Coleen McGrath will be Chairman of the Christmas Tea, December 15, 1985.

Kaye Anderson suggested that we let our present environmental statement in regard to Pocantico Lakes Development stand and not become involved with the homeowners petition.

Ed Kanze has sent a letter of resignation from the Board to Hoch Reid. Donna Nye will replace him as Chairman of the Education Committee.

A letter was received from Susan Arnold thanking SMRAS for giving her a scholarship.

Roger Garrison reported that the youth group has made several trips, the last of which was a canoe trip with 12 people and 6 canoes. About 18 young people have participated in these outings and about half repeat. All are from Ossining. The young people usually pay all their expenses, but the last trip had some unanticipated expenses and the group is \$45. short.

Alice Avouris moved that SMRAS pay the \$45. Seconded and carried.

The suggestion was made that some of the boys give a talk about the canoe trip at a general meeting and at schools.

Kaye Anderson also suggested that the Bulletin have an article about the youth club.

Frank Gillette moved that the Treasurer be authorized to place SMRAS funds in a Cash Management Account with Merrill-Lynch, with approximately \$60,000 in Government securities divided between the CMA Government Securities Fund and securities of 5 to 10 year maturity purchased for SMRAS, and approximately \$30,000 in the CMA Money Fund. In addition, if investigation proves it advisable, the Treasurer may move the SMRAS bank account into the CMA, allowing these funds to go into the CMA Money Fund. Seconded and carried.

Midge Arnold moved that SMRAS authorize the Treasurer to pay Roger Garrison for his personal expenses incurred in the Youth Program. Seconded and carried.

Membership is now 803.

Kaye Anderson said that a new map is needed for Brinton Brook. Harold Bischoff will help prepare one. Ken Silver helped clear the trail at Brinton. Trudy Battaly is continuing with the banding program. 50 pounds of bird seed has been used to attract the birds. Norman Muller, who is writing about bird watching, is concerned that he might make mistakes. Kaye also received a note of appreciation from a third grade teacher for her work at school.

Frank Gillette reported that there should be a profit of about \$6,000 from the bird seed sale.

Drew Panko reported that attendance has been good on Field Trips.

Pam Rubin asked for reimbursement of \$186.40 for expenses incurred in attending the Environmental Planning Lobby Annual Conference October 18-19-, 1985.

Kaye Anderson expressed her appreciation of our efforts in planning for her pension and also the payment of medical expenses incurred during her illness.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Sophie Keyes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse  
Recording Secretary